

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. HYZ-423/47508.423US2)

In re Application of:)
ZHOU et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/283,431) Examiner: K.A. Lacourciere
Filed: April 1, 1999)
Title: Mixed Backbone Oligonucleotides Containing POPS Blocks to Obtain Reduced Phosphoro- Thioate Content)))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the outstanding, non-final Office Action dated August 12, 2004. The time for responding to this action has been extended to December 12, 2004 by the accompanying Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.